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1. The paint and varnish manufacturing firm of Reichhold, Flügger, & Boekking, which has its factory at Stadlau, has been instructed by USIA that at least half of its future production will be set aside for export to countries which before the war bought most from the firm. 50X1-HUM
2. When the firm's officials stated that, because of the scarcity of raw materials, production was well below capacity, USIA officials replied that the firm's requirements would be met from materials purchased with funds from a central pool of foreign currency. This pool, available for purchases necessary to stimulate production, is kept supplied by the proceeds of sales by USIA firms to other countries. The firms responsible for the sales are paid in Austrian currency.

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